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Idaho Pelt Production up 10 Percent

Mink pelt production in Idaho in 2009 totaled 251,500 pelts, up 10 percent from 2008, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. The number of pelts by color class as a percent of the total Idaho production in 2009 is as follows: Black at 43 percent, Mahogany at 43 percent, Demi/Wild at 5 percent, and Sapphire at 4 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for 5 percent. Female mink bred to produce kits in 2010 totaled 61,000, up 6 percent from the previous year.

Mink pelt production in the United States in 2009 totaled 2.86 million pelts, up 1 percent from 2008. Wisconsin, the largest mink producing State, produced 886,100 pelts. Utah, the second largest producing State, produced 613,500 pelts. The number of pelts by color class as a percent of the total U.S. production in 2009 is as follows: Black at 52 percent, Mahogany at 23 percent, Blue Iris at 10 percent, Demi/Wild at 4 percent, and Sapphire at 4 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for 7 percent. Mink pelts produced during the 2009 crop year were valued at \$186 million, up 58 percent from \$117 million a year ago. The average price per pelt for the 2009 crop year was \$65.10, up \$23.50 from \$41.60 in 2008. Female mink bred to produce kits in 2010 totaled 670,200, down 1 percent from the previous year. Percent of total females bred to produce kits in 2010 by color class is as follows: Black at 50 percent, Mahogany at 24 percent, Blue Iris at 9 percent, Sapphire at 5 percent, and Demi/Wild at 4 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for 8 percent. There were 278 mink farms producing pelts in 2009, up 1 percent from a year ago.

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